

REMARKS

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Office action dated October 20, 2004. Prior to this response and amendment, claims 1-21 were pending in the application. Applicant has canceled claims 1-21 and presented new claims 22 and 23. In the Office action, the Examiner rejected original claims 8, 9, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hamilton et al. Claims 12-18, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamilton et al in view of Whiteside. Claims 1 and 3-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goucher et al in view of Whiteside. Finally, claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goucher et al and Whiteside as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Hamilton et al. Claims 10 and 11 were merely objected to as being dependent upon rejected claims.

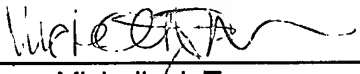
In response, Applicant herein has rewritten claims 10 and 11 in independent form, now as independent claim 22 and dependent claim 23. These claims include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In view of the amendments and remarks above, Applicants believe that this

application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowability covering the pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned agent of record.

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